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a. Large contingents of VI personnel will be shipped to Berlin for the Berlin Whitsun rally. They will march with the FDJ in military formation or move in motorized columns.

b. Sports clubs and personnel of industrial enterprises from East Berlin and the Soviet Zone of Germany will also march in formation. Bands are to come from Dresden (L 52/F 29), Potsdam (N 53/Z 63), Doebeln (N 52/K 79) and Cottbus (N 52/A 57).

c. House collections to raise funds for the Whitsun rally have been made in East Berlin for several days. House and apartment owners are asked to take in boarders over the Whitsun holidays and businessmen are put under particular pressure to provide accommodations.

2. Border crossers in the Wittenhausen (L 52/C 40) county stated, in March 1950, that Soviet and Thuringian government authorities resolved to open the zonal border temporarily for a border meeting between the population of Thuringia and Hesse to spread propaganda for peace and German unity and, incidentally, the participation of youths in the Berlin Whitsun rally. This border meeting was believed to be for 1 May 1950 and will be repeated on later days.

3. It was learned that the Eilenburg (N 52/E 32) celluloid plant received instructions to delegate 50 youths to the Berlin Whitsun rally.

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